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Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—" With reference to the answer to clause (*a*), may I ask whether the Government will please call for the information?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—" I shall consider my friend's suggestion."

Forests

Forest grievances of the ryots of South Kanara.

* 732 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government or the Collector of South Kanara have received representations from the ryots of Puthur, Udipi, Coondapoor and other parts of the district of South Kanara recently regarding the forest grievances; and

(*b*) what action the Government have taken or propose to take in the matter?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Copies of resolutions passed at the ryots' conferences held at Puttur in December 1933 and January 1934 have been received and are under the consideration of Government. Information regarding the receipt of representations by the Collector of South Kanara, is not available.

Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt:—" May I ask when orders are likely to be passed on this question whether they will be passed in the near future?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—" As I told my hon. Friend the other day in the Council, the Government have called for reports from the District Collector and the Chief Conservator of Forests. They have not yet been received. I hope they will soon be received."

Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti:—" May I ask whether the Government are aware that the proximity of forests to cultivable areas in this district would cause a great hardship if the concessions which were granted to the cultivators were withheld?"

* The Hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—" The Government are not aware of it, Sir."

Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti:—" May I ask whether the Hon. the Law Member himself did not inspect these forests when he visited the district recently?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—" I only passed through some of these forests."

Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti:—" May I ask whether the villagers did not bring this grievance to the notice of the Hon. Member?"

* The Hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—" The concession had not been withdrawn on that date. So, they could not have brought it to my notice."